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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : Unclassified Monographs

1. I would like to begin producing a series of short, unclassified monographs along the same lines as the one we have just done on Civil Defense. Their major objective would be to lay out the criteria for judging/ assessing some complex, current problem rather than trying to provide all the answers. For example, in the strategic area, articles in the press and in journals usually concentrate on one weapon characteristic as being the most significant: throw weight, or accuracy, or warhead size, etc. Our monograph would lay out all the prime determinants of strategic capability, emphasizing that one cannot be taken in isolation but all must be considered together as part of the problem. Then we would go on to succinctly assess the current situation based on the criteria we have established. We should also include enough fundamental/rule of thumb/generic information to make the monograph a good primary source. My hope is that these monographs will help to simplify and explain a complex issue, and be a useful tool for the Congress and general public alike.

2. Start with the following topics, but let's solicit suggestions for other areas of interest.

Economics	Agriculture/crops
Civil Rights	Technological Growth/Application
Strategic Arms	Fishing/Ocean Commerce
Conventional Arms	Raw Materials
Population	

3. A general outline might include:

- o Absolute conditions (appropriate measurement criteria)
- o Strengths and weaknesses
- o Relationships with rest of world
- o Future Prospects

4. The nature of the topic should suggest whether the monograph would be addressed exclusively to the Soviet Union as with Civil Defense or to a group of countries or to the world as a whole, e.g., "Strategic Arms" might consider only the Soviets and us, whereas "Economics" might take a world perspective.

5. The series should have as much eye-appeal as intellectual substance. Consider incorporating graphics, printing in multi-color, and using some easy reference format; perhaps looseleaf, pocket-sized etc.



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